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To whom it may concern,

I would be delighted to be considered for a place on your Trainee Solicitor Programme. I am applying from a slightly different position to most as I have been working as a Marketing professional for the past 4 years in professional services firms. However, law has been a part of my family for multiple generations. My Great Grandfather was a High Court Judge, my grandfather a Managing Partner and most of my Aunties and Uncles are solicitors too. Being around them and embracing the support that they have given me has made this decision to become a solicitor a very easy one.

When choosing what career path I would take after my final year in the University of Limerick, law was certainly an option that I explored from the experience I had studying it as my minor. However, I choose to continue on the path of my Major Subject of Marketing with acceptances into multiple Masters Programmes. I studied my masters in Marketing Practice in the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business. I can't say that I regret the decision as I have had an enjoyable career so far but the road not taken is one that always loomed over me.

And that brings us to this point. I am committed to pursuing a career as a solicitor and I have enrolled in a FE1 preparation course in Griffith College. I plan on sitting four in April 2018 and the remaining four in October 2018. Studying law was something I enjoyed throughout my undergraduate degree and I performed well in each exam I sat. I'm excited to start studying law again and I'm focused on being successful in the FE1 Exams.

These amongst a number of other factors has led me to the decision of becoming a solicitor in corporate law and I can't think of a better place to start than with Byrne Wallace.

When researching the company, I asked friends who have completed the traineeship of their experiences and they cemented my decision in pursuing a career with Byrne Wallace. I have heard that the training in Byrne Wallace is very practical, hands on and would embrace and hone the skills that I already have. I was attracted to the responsibility you get and working in a truly collaborative environment. The scale of cases that they worked on also excited me and I feel that Byrne Wallace is a place where I can truly influence large businesses.

I am ambitious and know that Byrne Wallace is an environment where I can fulfill my ambitions and build a long and successful career as a solicitor. I would be very grateful for the opportunity to start my journey to achieving these ambitions and can't think of a better place to start than Byrne Wallace.

I'd like to think that I can bring something different to the table. One thing you can count on is my relentless drive to achieve my ambitions and my experience working in professional services should make the transition into your firm relatively seamless. With a background in marketing and business development, I realise that being excellent in your field of expertise isn't the only attribute that makes a great solicitor and a focus on customer satisfaction and developing new business can be a very useful skillset.

Given the opportunity, I am confident that I can succeed as a solicitor. While my background is a bit different to others applying for this role, I feel that this makes me a more well-rounded candidate and the skills that I have picked up over the past 4 years will stand to me going forward. I have a hunger to learn and my ambitions go beyond being a solicitor. I would be extremely grateful for the opportunity to interview with Byrne Wallace. I feel that I would be a great fit for your firm and hope that my application meets your favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Cian Kiely